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Case 7042R

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In The Application Of : F.J. Rourke et al.
Serial No. : 09/529,575
Group Art Unit : 3761
Confirmation No. : 9622
Filed : April 14, 2000
Examiner : C.L. Anderson
For: **PROTEASE INHIBITORS IN ABSORBENT ARTICLES**

AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.114

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in support of the accompanying Request for Continued Examination of the above-identified application in which an Office Action was mailed on December 23, 2004. A Notice of Appeal was submitted on March 23, 2005 and with this RCE that appeal is hereby withdrawn. Please consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.